



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 7**

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Mr. Alex Moon
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Land Quality Bureau
Wallace State Office Building
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Dear Mr. Moon:

This letter pertains to the former office building located on the Dico property, which is part of the Des Moines TCE Superfund Site in Des Moines, Iowa. I understand that IDNR is interested in pursuing demolition of the office building in order to facilitate redevelopment of the site, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency supports this objective.

The former office building contains no known contamination and is not subject to any EPA decision documents or administrative orders. In the absence of any documentation regarding construction or historic uses of this building, we recommend that the IDNR perform an inspection of the building to evaluate the presence of asbestos and any other potential contaminants.

Since other buildings on the site contained PCBs in building insulation, it is possible that the office building contains similar material. The insulation containing PCBs was yellow batt insulation with a foil backing, and the PCBs were believed to be associated with the adhesive used to secure the foil backing onto the insulation. The EPA believes it would be prudent for the IDNR to determine whether this type of insulation is present within the office building, and if so, to test the insulation prior to disposal.

Given the historic use of other buildings on the site and the documented presence of pesticides and dioxins in concrete building structures on the property, we recommend that the IDNR perform limited wipe testing of the office building to document the presence or absence of contamination.

The EPA understands that the IDNR will work with Dico to test and remove the office building under state direction and oversight. EPA approval or oversight is not required for decisions made regarding the office building.

Please note that all other buildings remaining on the Dico property are considered part of the Superfund site as they contain varying degrees of contamination and are subject to certain testing and disposal requirements. The EPA plans to work with the IDNR and Dico regarding the best path forward for demolition of the contaminated buildings in the near future.



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I appreciate your support in identifying opportunities to facilitate redevelopment of the site. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at 913-551-7882.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary P. Peterson".

Mary P. Peterson
Director
Superfund Division